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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, AND)
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD)

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JP 2000-59615 corresponds to U.S. Serial No. 09/369,176, a copy of which is submitted herewith.

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